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The Honorable Joseph B. Scarnati, III  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
Room 292 Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

The Honorable Dominic Pileggi  
Senate Majority Leader  
Room 350 Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senators Scarnati and Pileggi:

We are writing to express our concern on the issue of local ordinances relating to oil and gas operations contained in the current versions of Senate Bill 1100 and House Bill 1950.

We want to express our opposition to language that removes a local municipality's ability to regulate and control all land use in their area. We do support the ACRE concept in allowing the Attorney General or other entity's review to provide for the reasonable development of oil and gas. However, we feel the language contained in the current version of the bills goes far beyond that concept and actually works more like a model ordinance by specifically spelling out permitted uses.

We look forward to continuing this discussion with you to identify ways in which to provide for reasonable gas development while at the same time preserving municipalities and local citizens the right to control their own land use.

Sincerely,

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